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In re Application of	:	
Richard G. Rincoe	:	
Application No. 10/568,547	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 15, 2006	:	
Attorney Docket No. RVS-np1	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 20, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

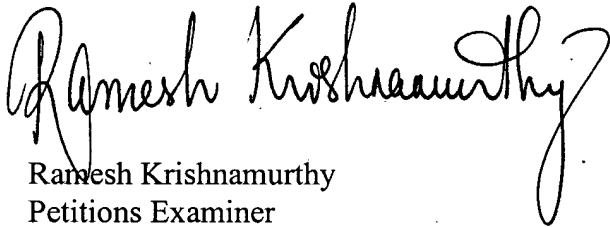
The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Restriction Requirement, mailed August 31, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later). No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 1, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Election, (2) the petition fee of \$770, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at (571) 272-4584.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3723 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ramesh Krishnamurthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy  
Petitions Examiner  
Office of Petitions

Application No: 10/508 547 Date: 10/9/08

**CHECKLIST - PETITION TO REVIVE (UNINTENTIONAL) 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) requires:

1. Petition fee;
2. Reply and/or issue fee;
3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - utility and plant filed before 6/8/95 and all design cases;
4. Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

Petition Date: 10/20/08

Petition Fee: ( ☒ ) \$770/SM ( ☐ ) \$1540/LG ( ☐ ) Not Paid

Is statement of unintentional delay present? ( ☒ ) YES ( ☐ ) NO (Can statement be construed as unintentional?)

Is petition signed by attorney of record? ( ☒ ) YES ( ☐ ) NO Petition address the same as address in palm. ( ☒ ) YES ( ☐ ) NO

Mail Date of Office Action: 8/31/07

Type of Office Action: Restriction Request

Statutory Response Period Set: ( ☒ ) 30 days ( ☒ ) 1 month ( ☐ ) 2 months ( ☐ ) 3 months

Ext of time obtained w/in SSP: ( ☐ ) None ( ☐ ) 1 month ( ☐ ) 2 months ( ☐ ) 3 months ( ☐ ) 4 months

Abandonment Date: 10/2/08

Type of reply received: Electronic

Terminal Disclaimer required: ( ☐ ) YES ( ☒ ) NO (utility applications filed after 6/8/95 or before 5/29/00 and all design applications)

Petition Decision Codes

502 - 37 CFR 1.137(b) Revival based on unintentional delay in abandon application

510 - 37 CFR 1.137(b) Revival to accept late payment of issue fee (unintentional)

Fee Codes

1453/2453

\$1540/\$770

502/510 Petitions

Paralegal: Johnnie

( ☐ ) Dismissed

( ☒ ) Granted

502  
granted

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)  
RVS.np1

First named inventor: Richard G. Rincoe

Application No.: 10/568,547

Art Unit: 3723

Filed: 2/15/2006

Examiner: Wilson, Lee D

Title: FORCE APPLYING APPARATUS AND METHOD

Attention: Office of Petitions

**Mail Stop Petition**

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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the office notice or action plus an extensions of time actually obtained.

**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**
☒ Small entity-fee \$ 770.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))
**2. Reply and/or fee**

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Election without Traverse (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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\_\_\_\_\_  
/John Wray Carpenter/

Signature

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June 20, 2008

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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment☒ Reply☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]**

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